

“Serving Christ at Christmas”
Luke 1:11; 1:26, 27; 2:8-14

Six facts about angels:

1. They are created beings.

“For by him (Christ) all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.” Colossians 1:16

“You alone are the Lord. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, and the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you.” Nehemiah 9:6

2. They are spiritual beings.

“Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.” Luke 24:39

“Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.” Hebrews 13:2

3. They are always designated by the masculine gender in scriptures.

“At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven.” Matthew 22:30

4. They are innumerable.

“But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly.” Hebrews 12:22

“Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand.” Revelation 5:11

5. They are superior to humans.

“Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life!” 1 Corinthians 6:3

“What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.” Psalms 8:4, 5

6. They have rank.

Cherubim – Guard the Holiness of God

Seraphim – Worship God

Archangels – Gabriel and Michael
Guardian angels

7. They are ministering spirits.

“Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?”
Hebrews 1:14

What do angels do?

1. They deliver, protect and defend God’s people.
2. They provide guidance from God.
3. They provide comfort and encouragement.
4. They serve as God’s agents of judgment.
5. They are God’s messengers.

Three truths for the Christmas season:

1. God is approachable, touchable : freedom from worry.
2. God will forgive us for our sins: freedom from guilt.
3. God came to serve, not to be served: freedom from selfishness.